

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A device for obtaining a sample from a body cavity, comprising:

- (a) a plurality of elongated flexible bristles of approximately uniform length defining opposing first and second bristle end portions; and
- (b) a handle having an elongated portion and a head portion[, wherein] configured to secure the first [end] bristle end portions [are secured to the head portion and the head portion is configured to] therein and support the plurality of elongated flexible bristles in a direction substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the elongated portion to form a mop-like sample collecting member, wherein the mop-like sample collecting member is configured to obtain a sample through a mopping action.

Claim 2. (Previously presented) A device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the head portion of the handle is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) A sample collecting device as recited in Claim 1, wherein the head portion and the elongated portion are substantially cylindrical.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) A device as recited in Claim 3, wherein the diameter of the head portion is greater than the diameter of the elongated portion.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A brush for self-sampling of cervical tissue, comprising:

- (a) a handle; and
- (b) a plurality of bristles of approximately uniform length connected to the handle, wherein each bristle of the plurality of bristles has a modulus of elasticity to form a mop-like sampling head having a soft surface area sufficient to acquire a sample of cervical tissue through a mopping action and the plurality of bristles are secured to the handle.

Claim 6. (Previously presented) A brush as recited in Claim 5, wherein the soft surface area forms a substantially symmetrical shape.